### TWO BOOKS INTEREST LONDON

ONE THE MITORIOGRAPHY OF LUAPANESE ARTIST.

Nachino's Story of Struggles and Suffer-

NEW July 6 - Two new books are and some stir in the literary world of One is "A Japanese Affist in charmingly illustrated by the Yoshio Markino. The other is !

is not often that this particular considers the humorist a divine amateur. of literary work interests the haz ish public but these books are both her are enjoying a popularity which has is not on the same plane used their authors and publishers.

ambition, but later he specialized in the construction. rection of art.

not quite English but is simple and decorations.

night I went to hed with my hungry capture Europe. stomach. Indeed I was too hungry to I used to wash one pair in my washstand humorist every morning before I went out."

Sometimes he found himself in funds.

All this time he kept up heart, and even in his hardest days he could hear the spirit of his dead father bidding him preserve his dignity. In America this instruction was difficult to follow, for there he did not only suffer from want and privation but even from persecution. Out in California he was once pelted with stones; women moved away from him as if he were a leper in street cars and public places; he never entered the parks, and once he was spat upon.

He dwells but little on this painful time. He was easily for the spirit of the undertaking and the high key in which it will be pitched.

"The enclosed clipping will give you a list of those that live at Carmel. The MacGowans, I believe, are from the East. There was a very charming, beautiful and it struck me as curious, turning out upon the silent park, till pretty late; and it struck me as curious, turning the pitched.

The enclosed clipping will give you a list of those that live at Carmel. The MacGowans, I believe, are from the East. There was a very charming, beautiful and gifted poetess, Nora French, there a few years ago, but life was too hard on her and his daughter into their cab, that neither of us had made a single joke nor took a functional transfer. I met him perhaps some half a dozen times after that, but we were never alone but was told that both Mr. and Mrs. Stir-

the same persecution as in California.

and disconsolate. He edged his way timidly to the Green Park, or as he puts it "I so timidly walked inside the rail. Nobody shouted me. Then I went near the rowd of people with still more fear. minute. I waited and waited with beatsing heart, but nothing happened at all Nobody spat on me! \* \* \* I realized at last I was in a country where I could enjoy my liberty quite freely. I felt as if I had come to a paradise in this world, and I was quite melted with comfort "when the Cunarder Lasitania or was it the Mauretania? reached New York on her maiden voyage he was shown over the wonderful vessel, and in the end

sympathetically to him in his poverty one even, knowing the emptiness of his purse, would implore him to come home to deeply interested in the man who made the a meal and not starve himself. Another wished him good luck every morning connection with the ark." when he started out and hoped for "happy news" when he came back.

It was from dealers in London that Markine suffered most dealers and mag- Alice Mactiowan in the Cast of a Play at azine editors. His sketches would be accepted and not paid for, many and many on a certain day should his drawings be

destair and destruction.

The corner was turned then and success The state of the s the colors of these cities, but he says of Aster, Princess of Amalek. fundestly in his book "Pray do not take require as an artist yet.

if Off Duty in Annam" was on by Mrs Gabrielle Vassal while in Edward Fremen army doctor who had been offered test by Dr Roux at the Pasteur at Nhatrang and preferring termingy to other medical work had ily accepted it. Ordered East, they left St. Nicotine E. V. Heward. George Rout ledge and Sons. London. E. P. Dutton and Com-

and deadly after all. As a matter of hev were agreeably surprised to find that Paris had preceded them and ton and Company, New York 1 was waiting to welcome them at Saignoni. The Story of Libraries and Book Collecting the dresses and equipages there were Ernest A othy of "la ville himière" herself.

ther sampling the delights of this ! nable centre, which included a ese quarter noted for its dog meat ges they moved on to their destina-Winamese fishing village infested politan District of New York and New Jersey equatoes and inefficient servants. Report of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission All Vanamese fishing village infested or process of getting used to the moses and the domestics was a trying Mrs Vassal thinks the servants worse handicap, for while resects could be caught and killed

at a were hopeless. babats were uncommon. They tred to wash up the crockery under They used their mouths to york " Water over the shirts and collars

si to a micy pulp fe was not all insects and troubledomestics in Annam. Mrs. Vassal me to investigate and note many Gancel. eating facts about religious rites storefitious beliefs, about the social d women, the practice of polyg-A acout agriculture, botany and (Sturgis and Walton Company, New York)

should the habits and questions of the CALIFORNIA LITERARY CHAT about the habits and customs of the savage hillsmen and to record a tiger story or two well worth the telling

All this is related in a fresh, interesting, convincing manner that makes one rather long to sample Annam in spite of mgs in America and England an trated her volume with photographs of affecting Human Document French people and scenery

VIEWS OF MARK TWAIN. Personal Receilections and Opi English Writers.

Some personal recollections and opin ions of Mark Twain by English men of off Duty in Annam." by Gabrielle letters appear in a recent number of the Bookman of London. Arnold Bennett

"I never saw Mark Twain," he writes \*Personally I am convinced that his best originality and humor and are work is to be found in the first half of en in so delightful a fashion that 'Life on the Mississippi.' The second half

"Episodically both Huckleberry Finn' and 'Tom Sawyer' are magnificent, but ences in the great metropolis is one as complete works of art they are of the most affecting documents ever quite inferior quality. Mark Twain was titen. A spoiled child of the Samurai, always a divine amateur, and we never a boy king once in his own village, Mar- would or never could appreciate the fact praise and forget or affect to despise ran away from his home when he (to which nearly all Angio-Saxon writers the great public beyond which is quick was about 15, hoping "to become a poet or writer in English." That was his first important thing in any work of art is its

"He had no notion of construction The kindness of fellow countrymen and very little power of self-criticism. hours down the coast from San Fran-derful reforms. While she was thus herorecured him time for study in art schools. He was great in the subordinate business cisco, and the cottages of the 'colony' at soon the anticipated battle for bread of decoration as distinguished from became a reality. He tells of his struggle construction, but he would mingle tocandidly and in quaint language that is gether the very best and the very worst

"The praise poured out on his novels seems to me exceedingly exaggerated. struggle, he often made a meal of the I like his travel sketches. By their direct, bread that was handed to atudents of his disdainful naivete they remind me of art class for charcoal drawing. In London Stendahl's. I should be disposed to argue he fared even worse. "I used to drink that he has left stuff which will live for a person, with no affectations and a genuine water from fountains in the streets. It long time among us Anglo-Saxons, but was my only luncheon then." "Many a not that he was complete enough to

Of interest equal to this opinion of Mr. "Oh, I forgot to mention that Bennett is Jerome K. Jerome's account had only two broken socks at this time. of his first meeting with the American public is slow to give him his inevitable

living in London," says Mr. Jerome, day and generation. as when he acted as a model. Then, he says, "I used to eat my dinner at Lockhart's in Westminster Bridge. Steak and fried onions, sixpence a dish, was a great dinner for me then."

All this time he kept up heart, and even that looke i out upon Hyde Park.

They are of the success of this open air theatre project at Carmel. They have plenty of time to devote to it, an equal amount of intelligence and the right spirit. George Stirling's name is a guarantee for the sincerity of the undertaking antee for the sincerity of the sin

treating him also with ignominy and disdain. When Markino first came to London he quite expected to experience to the grave, earrest, shrewdly be a specified to experience to the grave, earrest, shrewdly shringing this property of the grave, earrest, shrewdly shringing the grave carried a little wearily, so it seemed to me the burden of the professional humorist, and at such times I thought wistfully of the man of neep feeling and broad sympathics of the grave, earrest, shrewdly white to have whimsical thinker I should like to have He walked through the streets alone met and talked with again.

Some wonder whether he'll be "read" For long. Methinks 'tis aweeter To wonder what his spirit said To tickle grave St. Peter.

Being ignorant of English civilization. I break the duiness of a drab enough world for millions of people, I cannot conceive anticipated some pebble showers every of his quick, kindly humor being lost of his quick, kind in a brighter place

## THEATRICALS AT CARMEL.

California's Artistic Colony.

Alice MacGowan, who has finished a week he waited for checks due for work a new novel about the Civil War. "The ing new home on Russian Hill and being done It was these "merchant spirits" Sword in the Mountain." is spending who made him decide to commit suicide the summer in one of those colonies where persons of artistic tendencies foregather. This colony is at Carmel by the Sea, Cal., She was a contemporary of Bret Harte, that particular day saw the dawning and the activity that is keeping it busy Joaquin Miller, Charles Warren Stoddard of better things, however. The editor this year is open air theatricals. It and other Californians who distinguished he visited accepted his sketches and is the idea of the members of the colony themselves in early days, but is a good and for them at once, and the thin, pale to give a play of merit every summer many years younger than any of them. these boy's face glowed as he took in their forest theatre and also to present. At the time of the fire she had an extensive they that was to save him from a lighter drama in the winter holiday correspondence with nearly every famous story of "The Beauty" (the Bobbs-Merrill and Company, Boston). Rorie was too

The theatre is to be used for concerts, masks and pageants between times murresemaste pictures of London, Paris The first play produced was "David," and Roose pleased the British public a Gama in three acts by Constance Skin-He raise as an artist who has eaught her, on Saturday evening, July 9. In this play Miss MacGowan took the part

## A Pathfinder." An autobiographical sketch

Acheson The Press Scrap Book. residence there with her husband, a New York :

Tremon army doctor who had been offered : A Book of Battles and Sleres." Lawrence H. Dawson George Routledge and Sons, London;

E. P. Dutton and Company, New York.)
The Meaning of Money. Hartley Withers.
(E. P. Dutton and Company, New York.)
Gathered Leaves. From the Prose of Mary. s somewhat depressed when their E Coleridge with a memoir by Edith Sichet. (E. be led them that embarking on the P. Dutton and Company, New York.)

St. Nicotine E. V. Heward. (George Rout)

them pany New York | pany New York | Through Europe with Rooseveit from the Jungle." John Cailan O'Laughlin. (Chapple

Publishing Company. Boston.;
"Speaking in Public Charles Seymour.
(George Routledge and Sons, London, E. P. Dut-

son Low. Marsion and Company, Ltd., London. The Confessions of Linda Poindexter." Clara rest of the country puts me to sleep North Ruley. (Broadway Publishing Company,

them up and down his bare pany. New York and Scattle.)

11th his hands and ornamented "Equal Pay for Equal Work." Grace C. Strachan (B. F. Buck and Company. New York.) The Soul of a Serf." J. Breckenridge Ellis.

(Laird and Lee, Chicago)
"Menu Terms," A glo phrases used in the preparation of meaus. Joseph

by J. Scott Reitle, assisted by J. P. A. Reitsick, (Macmillan and Company, Loudon). Reptiles of the World Raymond L. Ditmars.

MRS. ATHERTON WRITES OF AUTHORS AND THEIR WORK.

its drawbacks. Mrs. Vassal has illus- The Literary and Artistic Colony at Carmet Pacific Coast Ambittons and Achievement Pletgresque Homes Mrs. Atherton Working at Her Pluy.

Of the Pacific coast people Gertrude Atherton spent the national holiday in quiet letter writing. In one of these letters just arrived she entertainingly tells of the literary folk and their doings, though she writes: "I keep away from all literary folk out here."

"In the first place," she explains, when I made my debut they all resented my existence because I did not come out of Bohemia, and the same spirit still endures, the more because I no longer rank as merely a California writer

"In the second place I think all literary coteries, and particularly 'colonies,' unhealthy, for they degenerate into mutual admiration societies and their members end by being content with one another's to forget them. I have a theory that to accomplish big things you must stand alone

"Carmel is near Monterey, about five are scattered through a pine wood. The principal members of the literary colony are George Stirling, Miss MacGowan, Mrs. MacGowan Cooke, Mary Austin and James Hopper. There are also many artists living there, as well as a number of people with literary and artistic tastes.

"The only one I know personally is George Stirling, the poet, a delightful love of letters. I believe that Ambrose Bierce is now visiting him and being made much of in Carmel. Mr Bierce certainly deserves all the attentions that may be showered on him, for, although the fame, discriminating critics rank him "Very few knew that Mark Twain was as the greatest short story writer of our

"Herman Scheffauer belonged to this colony, but has transferred himself (very wisely) to New York and will no doubt go on to London.

"Joaquin Miller, looking more Biblical every year, with his long white heard, fine oid face and sturdy frame, live; picturesquely in the hills across the bay. says J. J. Bell. "Mark Twain did much to built himself a tomb. No doubt the spot will become a shrine in the course of time. but there is no place like California for

had to drive their horses to San José.

"The first woman to take to letters in California and by many ranked as the most exquisite writer of verse in America is Ina Donna Coolbrith She has a charmmuch esteemed even by the practical has recently been elected president of the Pacific Coast Woman's Press Association.

everything else she had

history to the world

Chamberlain, whose work seems to me very promising now that she has recovered from Henry James, lives in a fine old fam-ily mansion on Russian Hill. She has the

For my part I can only write on Mount Tamalpais or in San Francisco in summer when it is cool, windy and bracing. The side of those places California is the great

New York)

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"Here I expect to remain and work "Menu Terms." A glossary of words and interpreparation of meaus. Joseph hards: Joseph Gancel. Joseph Gancel. New York."

The Statesman's Year Book for 1916." Edited by J. P. A. Remelek. J. Scott Keitle, assisted by J. P. A. Remelek. Work Gould be more elaborately worked out in the novel. I have about five novels in my head, but I don't take lives for my head, but I don't take with almost too much wickedness; still. I lation was recentablished when the cause of with almost too much wickedness; still. I lation was recentablished when the cause of with almost too much wickedness; still. I lation was recentablished when the cause of with almost too much wickedness; still. very kindly to play writing.

NEW BOOKS.

A Homance of Conservation.

Mr. Hamlin Garland's story of "Cav snagh. Forest Ranger' (Harper and Brothers) tells us of Lee Virginia Wetherford. She was young and pretty. For ten years she had been away in the East amid refined surroundings. Returning to the home of her childhood at Roaring Fork her sensibilities were shocked. Her mother, a coarse woman, kept a boarding It was a dreadful place. Still she met Cavanagh there. He was English born, but had been for twenty years in this country. He wore an olive green uniform. On his breast hung a silver badge with a pine tree in the centre. He looked like a young officer of the regular army. His head was handsome, the lines of his shoulders graceful. "Most attractive of all were his eyes, so brown, so quietly humorous and so keen."

As a ranger Cavanagh had charge of about 90,000 acres of territory. He had been one of Col. Roosevelt's Rough Riders in Cuba. The story says that he was loyal with the loyalty of a soldier and that his hero was the Colonel. It adds: "The second of his admirations was the Chief

The story describes in detail the horrors ham. Lee Virginia attacked all the horically engaged polishing the glassware. imposing napkins upon the embarrassed boarders, Cavanagh arrested two poachers for shooting a mountain sheep. Trouble came of this. The mob, haters of conservation, tried to release his prisoners when he brought them to town. nothing

"the President has fired the chief, the man that built up this forestry service." claimed: "Good Lord! What a blow to she had no "character." A bad outlook man who had built up this corps. I'm done with America with the States. shall write my resignation at once."

was going to lose him. His grief was Mary first saw him she began the conacute. "His heart was swollen within versation his breast. He longed for the return of 'the Colonel' to the White House He asked himself regarding Mr. Taft: "What manner of ruler is this who is ready to strike down the man whose very name means conservation?" The question was too stupendous to be an-He meditates, helps the poor, and has swered. "He groaned again and his polished floor. His fear for its waxen throat ached with the fury of his indignation

dropping out of the public eye, no matter find some warrant for hope. District the Rose of Sharon disappeared; how her Mark Twain was always bigger than what you have done, the moment you have forester Dalton, a powerful official, in- cat loving owner, who opposed feline mercy, just as long ago the given of its "Near him in the Piedmont Hills lives you accept the supervisorship of the to have passed from him forever; the unand works Herman Whittaker, surrounded Washakie Forest?" Taken by surprise willing part that Abishag the Shunamite by a large brood. Mr and Mrs Tully have and stammering Cavanagh replies. I played and the advice the eminent Prof. Of all the thirteen landladies the plucky Japanese boy had, only one was hard and grasping. The rest were kindly and compassionate, let him run into debt and spoke sympathetically to him in his poverty one even, knowing the emptiness of his of the contraction of the contract of the con forests, but the earthquake fault runs the chief's place. He was a student under the moment when Fletcher bids farewell, with his final protestation that he is a through them and they generally catch. The inspector drew Cavanagh's resigna. gardener, not a 'orse tamer, fire in summer. Last year the Tullys tion from his pocket. 'I didn't put it on file," he said. "What shall I do with it?" ('avanagh took it and tore it up. Then it was possible for Cavanagh and

Lee Virginia to marry A letter to the author from Mr. Gifford Kilelian Bay. Black Jamie at the head

## Beauty and Her Husband.

"William C. Morrow, known by his re- been poor. He surrounded her with great | courtly Spaniard in several critical moshe loved Eugene Gresham, the artist. "Mrs. Fremont Older lives at the Fair. She learned that she did not. "You never mont Hotel and is at work on a novel and had a place in my heart, Fugene. I know a play. She took an active part in the that now " She said that to him. We and no doubt will one day give its inside covered then that she loved her husband. sleeping potion ready to administer to She told him so. He feared for a while "Her intimate friend, Miriam Michel- that she was moved merely by a generous Johnson is making for Governor. Lucia read how the perplexities of the pair true to him in the presence of many suitresolved themselves

A Vigorous Quaker in the South.

George Routledge and Sons. London, E. P. Dutton and Company. New York.)

Ernest A Savage. George Routledge and Sons. London, E. P. Dutton and Company. New York.)

Ernest A Savage. George Routledge and Sons. London, E. P. Dutton and Company. New York.)

The Rod of Justice." Alice and Claude Askew. (Brentano's, New York.)

"Recent Progress in the Study of Variation. Heredity and Evolution." Hobert Heath Lock. Mercedity and Evolution. Beckerage and Sewage Disposal in the Metropolitan District of New York and New Jersey. Report of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission of New York. (Metropolitan Sewerage Commission of New York.) (Metropolitan Sewerage the snubbing with composure. His dig- arrival note was not taken of

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of the boarding house. We only need he was mighty interesting. It would Cedric's misfortune was disclosed, and the mention the flies and the reek of the fried | not have grieved us if the heroine's unworthy mother and the "Shut Room" had been left out. On the other hand we and complex natures with their mutual infound ourselves well entertained by the doctor and the Judge and the Colonel and by the lady who objected to the importa-

#### The Wrons Cat.

After Rob Chater had twice been almost successful in attempts to kiss Mary Hum-Lee Virginia and her mother, each armed fray in his parents' house, where she, bewith a pistol and each managing her cause of the careless nature of her father, weapon with a steady hand, helped him was condemned to the unrelieved torto stand the mob off. One of the poachers, ture of life as a mother's help, he sought an old sheep herder, proved to be Lee to gain his purpose by accosting her in Virginia's father. He was supposed to be the park, where she had gone with his dead. He had been in prison in Texas brother and sister. He approached her for years. He had noble qualities. He with apology on his lips, but treachery in nursed a man who had the smallpox. He his mind. She escaped him again, and caught the disease and in his turn was George, who had most unexpectedly nursed by Cavanagh, who flinched at found Mary in his arms a few days be fore, gave him the thrashing he deserved. Bob was the more scientific of the two perhaps his most bitter hour was when but George was armed with a just cause he heard of the dismissal of the Chief and triumphed as all good lovers should "Yes, sir," said his informant, Of course Mary Humfray lost her job pened, and for a time the prospect of her we cannot understand. Her story is told delicious thing I've ever read. The story says that Cavanagh's young getting another was poor. George had heart burned with indignation. He ex- nothing; they could not marry then, and

the service!" He uttered a groan of Fortunately for them Mrs. Major, who sorrow and rage. He said: "What is cared for Mr Marrapit's famous cats. the President thinking of to throw out furnished an opportunity for George, who the only man who stood for the future, was Mr. Marrapit's nephew, to introduce Mary into the household over which the who was its inspiration?" With bitter Rose of Sharon ruled. A curious house-Here's where I get off. I'm through, teresting man; Mrs. Major compels attention. It may be said that her provision for Mary was wholly unintentional

> Then Mr. Marrapit spoke. I see you are the shock she could only murmur Discontinue Assuredly, Discontinue, Refrain, Adjust

> Mary was standing on Mr. Marrapit's surface explains his remarks. This is a fair sample of his conversation.

How George had adventures and how quires of Cavanagii at that point: "Would Polygamy, recovered her when she seemed

#### Romances and Novels. When La Trinidad of the fated Spanish

Armada lay burning and helpless in

Pinchot is published as an introduction of his clansmen took pleasure in killing to the story. In this Mr. Pinchot speaks the members of her numerous company of the kindness of Mr. Garland in letting as they came ashore. Don John of Murhim see the proofs of "Cavanagh" and cis escaped the watchers and made his says that his (Mr. Pinchot's) respect and way a little into the hostile country. We liking for the West will last as long as he are glad that Black Jamie missed him, for had Don John died on that eventful night Stephen Chalmers would not have been able to transcribe the autobiography of Rorie Maclean under the title "When Perdita in Mrs. Wilson Woodrow's Love Calls Men to Arms" (Small, Maynard man of letters of the day which she in- Company, Indianapolis) was treated very small to watch the slaughter on the beach. tended to publish, but it was lost with magnanimously by her husband. Creswell but as he hurried home he met Don John everything else she had. Hepworth. He was very rich. She had and was of the utmost assistance to that markable collection of stories. The Ape, luxury. When he saw that she did not ments. Black Jamie would have killed the Idiot and Other People, now has a love him he went away. For a year she him: Black Jamie's sister Mary protected school for inculcating the art of the short had entire opportunity to discover whether and loved the castaway and married him. Mariposa was the name of their daughter, but as she grew to womanhood, cared for by Daft Leezie, Rorie naturally fell in love with her. So too did many historic fight against the grafters which were hardly surprised at her decision, others, including one Macdonald, and him recently agitated this unhappy town. He was too peculiar to be loved. She dis- she married under duress and with a the wedding guests. It happened after the gory feast that the Campbells and son, who built flats with the proceeds of kindness, but she was able to convince Macdonalds enjoyed together with each 'In the Bishop's Carriage,' is generally at him of her sincerity. "Perdita!" he cried clan determined to exterminate the other. work on a book or a play, but at present deeply, and held her close." That is the Like all proper heroes, Rorie is the prey is reporting the great fight that Hiram last word of the story. It is agreeable to of jealousy and fear, but Mariposa was ors. A book of action, excitement, escapes and perils; we rejoice that Don John of Murcia did not die at Black Jamie's hands that bad night in Kilellan Bay

make his transactions square. She Twins came of his union with Cecilia of the supreme passion, snubbed him for his pains. He accepted Lister, and in the excitement of their. Those serious question individual who had precedence. Lord She was shamed still more when she Carshalton settled this difficulty by tosssprained her ankle in a thunderstorm and ing up a coin, and Cedric Mandeville he carried her into his store and cared for became the heir. Between him and his her in the most considerate and kindest brother Ralph there existed that unity manner. He was more than a storekeeper. of purpose, thought and sentiment com-He read law at night. He became the monly remarked in identical twins, and leading lawyer of the place. A North- their life was led as if each possessed only erner and a Republican in a Southern one-half of a completed nature. At length and Democratic country, he came to have they were separated, for their own good a dominating political influence. The and sent to different universities. An unstory tells how he fought a duel, how he fortunate accident had lamed the heir, and faced a mob, how he won elections, how he had the more acute mind of the twins. he was tried for murder on an infamously but nevertheless their separation came

Cedric's misfortune was disclosed, and the twins, after doing their duty by the family. thank you for "The Varmint." I can came to an end together. Their strange truthfully say that we all of us have terdependence are the subject of Marion Mole's "Vera of the Strong Heart" (G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York). To this deepest interest and amusement "The novel was awarded the second prize in Varmint," and only one chapter with the competition in which Patricia Went- regret, the finishing one. worth's "A Marriage Under the Terror" took first. Its principal characters are interesting and those of minor importance have this.

well done Elisabeth Davenay was very beautiful A Distinct Line Land always dressed herself with the greatest care and good taste. She did not want to attract men, but they flocked to her. Possibly her clothes drew them. Naturalists, for example, must have been interested in that gown over which fur meandered." Her intellect was strong. her devotion to the cause of women was complete and she did not believe a man pany of "Dink Stover" and his fellows. should kiss his flancée without due warning and adequate preparation. She was an important person in many ways, and why the publishers of Claire de Pratz's book | plead for many more. about her spell her Christian name with in "Elizabeth Davenay" (Mitchell Kennerley, New York).

#### The Firm Bishop and His Sin.

In Vincent Brown's story of "The Screen" (E. P. Dutton and Company) the Bishop said that the screen must be removed from the church because it was ornamented with a crucifix and accordresolution he added: "This ends it for hold. The gardener was an odd and in- ingly was against the law. He was firm in this attitude, notwithstanding that he knew that the consequence was likely to stories, but I never have received as be such a revelation concerning a sin of much pleasure out of any of them as He wrote it and mailed it. It cer- on her part. Mr. Marrapit himself was his youth as would make it impossible have of yours. tainly looked as though the country dignified abrupt suspicious, harsh. When for him to continue being a Bishop. The screen had been a gift to the church from the pious lady whom the Bishop had wronged. To get an idea of the very curious nature of the story we may listen for a moment to the son of this lady addressing the Bishop, his father:

"Your decision." he said, "is that in three days from now if the crucifix is not then cut out you will empower strangers, men from the street, to enter the church and up mutilate the beautiful gift which was the outcome of a love in my mother's heart higher and purer than the dearest earthly mercy, just as long ago the giver of it was at your mercy. You did not spare her and you are not, so you say, going to not now defend it, but I am her son, Ellen Deeprose's child, and I tell you that this \$1.50. question is in my heart and mind and soul invested with a sanctity which places it far beyond the mere legal aspect while seems to be everything to you. \* \* \* warn you not to touch that screen. If postage 10 cents. your judgment against it is not with drawn in three days, and an undertaking given in writing to me that you will leave it unmolested as long as you are Bishop of Lerchester, then every one of your shameful letters to my mother will be published in my newspaper, and the diocese and the world will know what manner of man this is who has been appointed a shepherd of the flock. If you can think of anothe and more pleasant way out of the trouble I shall be only too pleased to consider it.

Only the last sentence of that is indicative of the general tone of the story There is almost no violence. The troubles and differences are discussed philosophically and calmly and indeed with humor.

## A Study in Progress

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